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Ceremonies for Case Farm Too Pioneer

The eyes of Agriculture leaders and farmers across the nation will will soon commence its warm weabe focused on this historical New ther activities. The first will be York Village on Tuesday, May 31. its June quarterly meeting at the On that day history pays a return visit to Oswego County, as a marker is dedicated to the memory of the Vernon edge of Brattleboro the County and the Vernon edge of Brattleboro Jerome I. Case, pioneer manufac will be recognized. Miss Margaret turer of power farm machinery, who Shields will report on the field day was born on a wheat farm near Wil- held at the site of the fort in 1896 liamstown in 1819.

ated with New York history from Brattleboro D. A. R. Between one early Colonial days, Case spent the and two thousand people attended. first 22 years of his life in this area This old Deerfield Society held field which was once the heart of Amer- meetings all over Franklin County ican wheat belt. It was here that and published its papers. Using he first worked out plans for a ideas from these of 1870-98, the sec-mechanical thresher. It was here ond Historical Society event probthat he laid the groundwork for his ably in June will be a picnic tour later status as the world's largest to sites of interest within some ten manufacturer of threshers and agricultural steam engines.

in 1842, following weat as it moved valuable material available. A little west into the territory of Wiscon- later the Museum will have its ain, the roots of the Case family usual summer openings to the pubremained deep in New York. And the success he won in later life as a leader in the struggle to ease the farmer's burden reflected steady credit on the state which gave him birth. Today, the J. I. Case Co., which he founded 107 years ago, has a payrole of 12,000 in eight plants across the country, and Case products are in service on farms in a hundred countries of the world.

Evening Auxiliary Holds Election

23 members and guests of the Evening Auxiliary of the Congregational Church met at the church vestry at 6:30 p. m. Friday evening for a desert party. The annual meeting and election of officers followed in the ladies parlor. Miss Gloria Savcheff entertained with piano solos. Annual reports were submitted and considerable missionary work reported.

Miss Helen Handy; 1st vice-president, Miss Sophie Servaes; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Grove Deming; Secretary, Miss Mabel Shields; Treasurer Miss Elizabeth Braley; Work Committee, Mrs. Ralph Sar gent and Miss Margaret Shields; So mittee, Mrs. Roy A. Bar-An instructive quiz on missionar projects ended the evening

Town Topics

Miss Lucy Jackson of Madison, N. J., has arrived to spend the summer at her cottage on the Ridge. Mr. and Mrs. Oscar E. Coburn who have been at their residence in Orlando, Fla., during the winter, have arrived at their summer home in Mountain Park.

Reports received by the Clerk of the Rustic Ridge Association indicate that this week end will witness many cottages open during the long holiday vacation of Memorial Day, with at least 38 cottages open.

Historical Society

by the Pocomtuck Valley Memorial Son of a family intimately associ- Society under the auspices of the monuments where the P. V. M. A. Though Case left Williamstown held field meetings. There is much lic. Several new members have joined the Society this year.

Has Plastic Party

burg, Mass.

ments were served by Mrs. George Holton, Mrs. Stanly Payson, Mrs. Carroll Miller and Mrs. Niles Stone. Door prizes were won by Mrs. Georgia Holton, Mrs. Katherine Griswold and Mrs. Lura Stone. Poppies are being sold by members. It was announced the Special service in Rindge, N. H. Cathedral in Pines will be at 3 p. m., May 29.

A number of members and their families are planning to attend. The next regular meeting will be June

Champion 'Rusty' Has Two Female Pups

awarded the Best of Opposite Sex

wel as the two new pups. "Rasko VonRippish", great grandfather to he pups, is an International champion. Eight days following his being crowned European champion, 'Rasko Von Rippish" was named champion of this country as well.

Town Topics

Miss Mildred A. Orr has returned to town and is opening up her home

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To Hold June Meeting

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June 7th is the quarterly meeting.

Legion Auxiliary

Th regular meeing of the American Legion Auxiliary was held on Thursday in the Legion rooms with a short business meeting at 7:30, followed by a Plastic Party given by Mr. Earl Warriner of Williams-

There were 34 attending, Refresh-

"Rusty Rasko", the two and a half year old St. Bernand owned by Loe Brown of Hirnam road, has Rusty / the onspring of champ-ions, is herself a champion show dog, having won three first prizes

"Champion King Laddie", of Pittston, Pa., is father to Rusty as

Mr and Mrs. Glenn Billings have

to Podlenski's filling station.

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BLASSBERG. **DECORATION OF GRAVES** GETTYSBURG ADDRESS CHAPLAIN - THE REV. LESTER WHITE CEREMONIES - Laying of wreath at HONOR ROLL, TOWN HALL.

Order of March

ROBERT F. HUBER - Marshal TURNERS FALLS HIGH SCHOOL BAND - 80 Pieces V.F.W. and AMERICAN LEGION FIRING SQUAD V.F.W. and AMERICAN LEGION COLOR GUARDS FIRING SQUAD

DISABLED VETERANS IN OPEN CARS HAVEN H. SPENCER POST NORTHFIELD POST 9874 THE AUXILIARIES THE GIRL SCOUTS THE BOY SCOUTS 4-H CLUB THE RED MEN

THE SCHOOL CHILDREN Main St. will be closed to traffic during the parade. Cars may be driven to the Mill Brook for services there.

IN CASE OF RAIN CEREMONIES WILL BE HELD IN TOWN HALL

"SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER"

The Northfield School for Girls and Mt. Hermon Players will present the first performance of "She Stoops to Conquer" by Oliver Goldsmith in Silverthorn Hall, Saturday evening, May 28 at 8:15 o'clock. Tickets are on sale at the Northfield Pharmacy.

Post Office Hours

Because of the Holiday on Mon-day, the Post Office will be open all day Saturday until 6:30 p. m. . Window service on Monday, Mmorial Day will be from 8 a m. until 9:30 a.m. This is a change from the usual hours because of

Town Topics

Edwin W. Finch, Pine street, East Northfield, Mass., will receive a music key in recognition of his Champlain College, according to the college department of Student Activities which has published a list of awards for the semester.

Finch, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cortland Finch, is a graduate of Mt. Hermon School for Boys, class of

Mrs. William Craig, mother of Mrs. Glenn Billings, was taken to Wednesday night. Dr. J. W. Ben-

taken an apartment on Main street, you, my husband and my little the south side of the duplex next Mrs. George H. Sheldon, confined to the Franklin County Public Hospital, is now on the road to recov-

THE OVERSEAS



"Forgive Me. . . .

Dear Sir and Madame: You will forgive me for asking

this, but I hope you will help us by finding some one among your circle to help us. Here is our situation: we lost everything: I had a daughter 18 years old, killed February 5, 1944 by bombing; that same day my kaseand and mother were wounded and my grandmother kill-ed also; July 20, 1940, a brother disappeared on board the Mackeness. November 6, 1943, a second brother killed by shellfire; January 6, 1944 a sister was killed. My father died as a result of wounds from 1914-18. activities with the glee club at Besides that, my husband has not been working for a year; he was wounded at work, after his bombing wounds were healed; and I have

> years, Marie Claire 6 years and Adrien 3 years. I hope Mr. and Mrs. Hantunen. that makes us seem worthy, having heard from others who have received parcels, of sending you our

family joins in thanking you. Here is my address: Madame Adrienne Pruvost Camiers, Pas de Calais,

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Two Local Teams In Tri-State League

Javs, have entered the newly form

ed Tri-State League. The league will comprise the fol-Hinsdale Paper lowing teams: Hinsdale North Makers. Team, Chesterfield, N. H. Hoboes, all from New Hampshire, and following teams from Vermont, Vernon Town Team, Putney Town Team and the West Brattleboro A. A. The two local teams comprise the eight

Katham of Putney, Vt., president; C. A. Caron, coach for the West Northfield team, is vice-president; and Roland Marden of Northfield is secretary-treasurer. The schedule will be played in wo halves, with the winners of

each half playing a playoff for the hampionship. Sunday games will start at 2 p. m. still 3 children, Adelia Pruvost 15 with week day games beginning at

Town Topics

Mrs. A. G. Moody will again be Mrs. Glenn Billings, was taken to own address, since you have asked joined for a part of the summer by the Farren Memorial Hospital on the mayor of Camiers for the names Mr. and Mrs. George Loos, of Wednesday night. Dr. J. W. Ben- of worthy needy. I believe you will Princeton, N. J. They will occupy nett is attending and performed the not be sorry for my request; you the home of Mr. and Mrs Joseph can ask the mayor for information Brown on Birnam road for July and about us. Hoping to hear from August Their sons will not be here this summer, Gordon, Princeton, 1950, will be employed by the National Cancer Research at Wood's Hole in the Marine Biological Laboratories. Donald, Amherst 1951, will spend the summer at East Gloucester, where he will be employed by the Hawthorne Inn.

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WEEF, the syndicated magazine sures fine, varied meals. Two local ball clubs, Northfield been stimulated in your thinking, of Pittsburg, and a teacher of Phy-A. A. and the West Northfield Blue as have I. by the short articles that sical Education in Butler, Pa., for by Newton B. Drury, the Director of the National Park Service. His words are appropriate as this week during the war. marks the nation's celebration of the first annual Park and Recreation Week.

Mr. Drury has the following words of Thomas Jefferson hanging in his office, for to him, they are truly expressive of the spirit of the Officers of the league are; Bob way in which we Americans get things accomplished - 'IWe must be contented to secure what we can from time to time and eternally press forward to what is yet to get".

Mr. Drury, in writing about the

above words of Jefferson, states

that "by patience and determination, rather than by a harsh upsetting of tradition, we move toward our national aspirations. This spirwas always in the heart of Jef-The essense of his creed persistence, can press forward and through the democratic methods in which he believed so devoutly, at tain seemingly unattainable goals." He then explains about the steps involved and the measures that were taken by a group of people in order that the world's first national park was established. Those people who stumbled upon the heauty and grandeur of the Yellowstone Coun try, caught a vision. That country was too wonderful to become the property of a few. Thus, through united effort that small group of men gave the nation a new concept:

Americans for all time. That was in the year of 1872. Gradually over the years, other desire. Piece by piece, cotitnually Now we have twenty-six great national parks, besides hun- walks in the morning and afterdreds of national monuments, for-

> goal. Then occurs our miracle of haunts. democracy: because the groundwork has been surely laid, the goal is already within our grasp.' Those of you who have stood on the brink of the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone or Arizona's Grand Canyon, or have drunk in the grandeur and beauty of the Yosemite Valley can feel the full import of our national park program. The job of providing recreational facilities for our community is a very small part of the overall national picture, by no means less important in the light of our own needs. We here in Northfield, in contemplating the possibilities of a swimming pool and recreation area, would do well to catch the spirit of such a challenging project

Mott Guhse'

Northfield Man Wins High ROTC Honor

Cadet 2nd Lt. Joan R. Addison, a student at the U. of Massachusetts. son of Mrs. Mildred Addison, of Northfield and now employed by the American Youth Hostel in New York City, won the Air Force Medal which is awarded annually to the highest ranking air force ROTC and TELEVISION SERVICE cadet in the first year advanced miltary course. Lt. Col. Francis W. Nye, senior Air Force Officer at the University of Massachusetts, made the presentation.

Vernon Green Inn A Vermont Resort

From the skyscrapers of New York to the green hills of Vermont! That's the story behind the white walls of the striking structure on Route 30, in Vernon, Vt., just this side of Bushnell's Museum. Distinctive road-signs call your atten-

tion to the "Vernon Green Inn". The "Vernon Green" is operated by the Misses Virginia Varnum and Dorothy G. Olsson, who resigned from excellent positions with the Liberty Mutual Insurance Co., in New York City.

· The Vernon Green was originally built as a private home by Mrs. R. H. Towner in 1938. It is situated some distance from Route 30, and stands high above the broad Connecticut. It's so-called original modern styling makes it a conspicuous landmark among centuries-old New England homes. However, the interior is a lesson in developing a pleasing combination of old New England and new 'original modern'. Guests facilities include 9 single and double rooms all providing sweeping views of the valley. All rooms have many windows providing bright cheery and airy rooms. A large game room is provided in the basement, with facilities for games of all kinds. A music room, lined with hand-made bricks taken from the home of Mrs. Towner's grandfather, provides the seclusion and comfort necessary for the enjoyment of good music and the serenity of country living. A paneled library, with casement windows, offers odd corners for a quiet game of

chess, a letter home or a good book. The Inn, although oil heated, offers a spacious living room with all the comforts for an evening by the fireplace listening to the chirping of crickets and crackling logs. A Those of you who read THIS large and up-to-date kitchen as-

section to be found in the Boston Miss Varnum, a graduate of Sar-Sunday Herald and the Sunday New gent School of Physical Education, always appear on Page 2 under the a number of years, is business man-Last Sunday's article was written native of Pennsylvania, was employed as Safety Engineer with Liberty Mutual in New York City

> Miss Olsson, a graduate nur was instructor of nursing at th Kaulkner Hospital in Jamiaca Plains before joining the Liberty Mutual company in Boston, where she was employed as a nurse coun-New York office of this company set up a similar department. Missipped Olsson, who has charge of the for and meals at the Inn, is a gradual of the New York Institute of Dieta

Despite their formal duties and assignments both young ladies find it necessary to double up when of the Inn - including mowing the the entire five acres, but they do was that free men, with faith and mow enough to furnish a large area for badminton, archery and other outdoor games.

"Toast", a large friendly dog of undeermined breeding, guards he bone pile and romps about the grounds of the Vernon Green' in Vernon, Vt.

Local Bird Walkers Check 70 Varieties

Eight people went on the annual Audubon Society bird walk on May

21 in Northfield. a park, to be the property of all This bird walk, a part of the state wide census by the Mass. Audubon Society, took the bird watchers along the Birch trail on men have been fired by the same The Northfield grounds. More than fifty varieties were observed on this pressing forward, the dream has trail, with a total of 70 varieties being observed during the two

No unusual birds were sighted 'This is the way we get things during the walk, although some of done in America. One man tells the usual inhabitants, such as the another, does what he can, till the Magnolia Warbler, Canada Warbler sum of these efforts grows into a Alder Flycatcher and Solitary Sandnational aspiration — a precious piper, were not seen in their usual

Leading the walk was Miss Sophie Servaes, accompanied by: Miss Amy Hamilton, Miss Mabel Shields, Lavina Sanderson, Miss Margaret Chapin, Master Andrew Sheldon, Miss Elizabeth Wroblewski and Miss Ordway.

The Sportsmen's Club

I would like to announce Douglas Pearsall's Club. It is called the Sportsmen's Club. We have a hasebali team. We have played two games, we won both games by a good margin. We would like to know who would like to join in East Northfield. Any boy can join from the age of six to thirteen. Douglas Pearsall is the President and Garry Casey is the Vice-presiient; Norman Dean, treasurer and Paul Jordan, Jr., Secretary. We have meeting on Friday. The club is expected to obey the following

> Swearing, .05 Be polite to elders. Be kind to wild life

Pay dews once a week. Be a good sport

Be trust worthy If not there with out a good reason - 10 cents Don't be silly at meatings.

Be at meatings if possible. Pleas get in tuch with Garry or Douglas is you want to join.

VIVID RECOLLECTION

by Phil Porter

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"Three Words"

Some allusions have been made concerning taxpayers, and non-taxpayers, and a division has been made, by some, of these two groups over the contemplated swimming pool-recreation area project.

These allusions are unfair to all the future of this community. A bonafide, registered voter of

this community has one vote - no more, no less - there is no legal method yet devised whereby the effectiveness or legitimacy of a wote can be altered.

This writer is of the opinion that the awimming pool project is intended for the primary BENEFIT of the TAXPAYER, and that it is not intended as an additional tax burden on his sagging shoulders. It is not necessary to make it a burden for the taxpayer or the communen for the taxpayer or the community, if serious thought is applied to necessary to have extra help perdawn of a new day. Not even the During these intense the project. As has been stated haps the Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts sound of a cricket could be heard of watching him I was still gripping here a number of times Northfield is the northern gateway to the Pio-\$25,000,000 worth of business in from the concession stand could must veer to the left up a sharp in them snapped from the pressure I 1948. Northfield shared in that in be used toward the cost of the minutes of walking distance I must Then he spotted come — there is no plausible reas project. As for a person to man- look for an old dead pine tree when on why it cannot increase it's share. But in order to increase that share it MUST DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT! Additional tourist revenue will summer would like to take over ease the taxpayer's burden. A well developed swimming pool and recreation area is a definite part of

proposed Regional Consolidated into a minstrel show or play if they school is to become a reality. The had a person or persons to lead achool must maintain a certain them. level of pupils in order to assure maximum effectiveness. In order money for this project to cut down to maintain this level of pupils the burden on the tax rate. Are we must make this community there any other suggestions? attractive for children and for parents that want to bring up chil dren here in this town.

New methods must be devised to aid the taxpayer in carying the load. These methods must be deand executed locally. It should be obvious that unless new starosa of income are tapped, the only recourse in lowering the tax rate, will be outting town services, such as road maintenance, support of the old and dependent, cutting ing rink for the town of Northfield. of brush, extension of sidewalks, purchase of equipment, etc., OR continue to take it out of the pocket work and these people gave generof the present taxpayer, and other ously of their time and knowledge same spirit that sparked the pioheavily contributing residents of and have also offered to contribute this community.

in to supplement the older taxpay-

more self-reliant and do business Bolton, Virginia Leach, Albert related to the early settlers, or locally. That is — patronize your Rice and Dick Field. Also local merchants. IWe must look to our own com-

munity for services in so far as is time and effort to this project. Ar- dent is considered a "native" if possible and not seek the facilities thur Donnellan, owner of Jewetts he resides there only six months. offered by outside towns.

for the children that will live in this | chairman of the Recreation committhough this writer, after having community. We should prepare tee; George Billings, American Red lived here eighteen years and fifthem, so that they will become con- Cross; C. B. Raymond, District teen summers before that, is still tributing citizens of the town. As for the financing of the pool and recreation area - construction and operation - the "Outsider" in

"The Squeeze Box" has a practical suggestion. There are other suggastions, equally as practical if we sit down and think about its The Town of Northfield subscribed on a plaque now attached to

The tribute, as great as it is could be even greater if we took the three words that describe the great evangelist and use them as our gwiding tenets in these times. The three words - PRAYER FAITH - VISION.

MIN WING WIN

28-Dr. Edward Benes

expresident of Czecho slovakia, born, 1884

-Treaty of Relations

between U. S. and Cuba signed, 1934 -Memorial Day

-Philadelphia Athlet

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"Outside Help'

TO THE EDITOR Northfield Press

Northfield, Massachusetts

I have a few suggestions con-Pool and Recreation Area.

I have been led to believe from reading the columns of Mr. Guhse' and Mr. Briesmaster along with your editorials that the people of splattered me on neck and should-Northfield are not too enthusiastic ers. Dried leaves become restabout spending such a large amount less, fluttered for a moment, then of money as would be necessary all rose like a swarm of bees and concerned: taxpayers, the so-called swimming Pool and Recreation the approaching storm. Again a except his long beard was a little non-taxpayers, and, most of all, to Area. I believe that such a project Area. I believe that such a project could be made to pay for itself in and again a blast directly overhead. This time the cloud could be made to pay for itself in a blast directly overhead. This time the cloud could be made to pay for itself in a blast directly overhead. a few short years time. I do not believe in charging the children for the use of the pool but for the spiring, then I was drenched and picnic grounds there could be a shivering from the cold wind. It

> stand be built and maintained by etery wall and saw a hundred or a person during the summer season more silent sentries standing at atwould volunteer to help out during anywhere. rush periods. The profit derived But this was not my objective, I for some reason or other one of age the stand, perhaps a teacher who is not working during the

the management of the stand. Another idea is to have each one of the member organizations of any community plan for the future. the CPC to have one project, the A community, in order to attract proceeds to go towards the cost of new residents, as well as hold on to the proposed War Memorial Swimthe one's it has, must offer tangible ming Pool and Recreation Area. posititve reasons for staying in, or Such projects could be: food sales, coming to Northfield. A swimming card parties, dances, minstrel pool and recreation area would be show, suppers, rummage sales, an excellent reason for coming to newspaper drives, auctions, etc. Northfield The necessity for a 1 am quite sure the children or stable population, if not an increas- young people of the town would be ing population is very evident if the willing to put much time and effort

There are many ways of earning

The Outsider

'In Appreciation Editor of the Northfield Press Northfield Massachusetts.

Dear Sir: I would like to express my appreciation to all the people who have been so helpful to my work on the proposed swimming pool and skat-It will be remembered that no funds were appropriated for this any help they can in the future

New taxpayers must be brought toward a better community. their cooperation to my committee: The community must become Ted Powell, Charles Rept is, Fred

Jack McNeil, Construction Engineer, who devoted a great deal of I hear that in Los Angeles a resi-Whatever we do - we should do and Concrete Products; Mott Guhse manent residential requirements, al-

Sincerely yours, Helen Benney

"The Leadership" May 23, 1949

The Northfield Press, Northfield, Mass. To the Editor: wall of the town hall in memory

Regardless of the merits of the Particular swimming pool and recrestion area proposed for Northfield, I should like to express my natisfactoin with the pieces by H. A. B. and M. P. G., which appeared in your issue of May 20th. Their thoughtful and courageous expressions against indifference and inertia should give heart to all

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on the mountainside which overlooked the river when I heard a erning the proposed Swimming and lighted up the countryside. The blast which followed didn't cease it's rumbling until it reached the

mountain road.

river below. Drops of rain as large as jelly beans struck me on the head and split wide open and poured its contents over me.

One moment I was hot and perthe use of fireplaces which could be used to offset maintenance costs.

As for making the project pay for itself, why couldn't a concession stand by built and the store of minutes in which the storm had come and gone again. The waning moon pushed its way through the clouds, then all was quiet. How deathly quiet it was as I looked over the old can be built and the store had come and gone minded me of an old man in a puppet show, and he certainly conduct ed himself like one.

His arms and legs appeared to stand by built and the store had come and gone minded me of an old man in a puppet show, and he certainly conduct ed himself like one.

The clock on the hill across the I came to a turn in the road. There iver struck eleven as I reached it was just ahead of me.

the school house at the foot of the There were still two minutes before midnight so I lay flat on my stomach and peeked through the low branches of the trees; but my heart thumped so fast and loud I May 19, 1949 muffled sound like thunder roll up was afraid the old man would hear the distant mountains. It seemed it, so I stood up, leaned forward, to reach the Whitcomb summit then and parted the branches for a roll back again. Seconds later a clearer view. It was a front seat discharge of electricity pierced to vista and I was congratulating mythe bottom of a huge black cloud self on the way I had managed to approach so close without being detected.

Presently my ears picked up a peculiar sound coming from the northeast and over my left shoulder I looked in that direction and there the ghost was approaching. It looked to me as though he was returning from a stroll in the moonlight. He was exactly of the same for the proposed War Memorial scurried up the road to hide from description as I had been informed, more shaggy and had turned to a mustard color. His blue smock was shabby and considerably rumpled; and, in the moonlight he certainly looked very much taller than I had supposed

But, what struck me was the way

he came there was a clack-clackclack-clack. This was so methoon a regular pay schedule and if tention as guardians over departed dical I could think of nothing but

During these intense moments the branches of the old pine, and

the men who the it forget

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BUDDY POPPY

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Q-/What assistance can be given

me by VA in furthering my claim

for compensation when the off-

cial records are not available or

-VA contact representatives are

authorized by law to aid claim-

ants in the preparation and pre-

sentation of claims. Your con-

tact representative will assist you

in preparing an affidavit giving

complete history of your sickness

and would like to know if a medi-

cal examination is necessary be-

fore my claim, filed at discharge

A-It is not necessary if the ser-

Q—Is there a time limit in which

I. a World War I veteran, may

file a claim for compensation for

disability caused by my war ser-

A-There is no time limit set for

filing claim for compensation.

However, if a claim for disability

compensation is not filed within

one year from date or release

from active service, compensa-

tion may not be awarded for any

period prior to the date of the

Q-I am a World Wer II veteran

are incomplete?

or injury.

charge.

claim.

service-connection?

active service.

can be rated?

MAY

Then he spotted me. (To be Continued.)

BREEZE

HAROLD A. BRIESMASTER

Natives

The first inhabitants of Northfield, the tribe of Indians called the Squakheags, were the original natives of this area.

Living peacefully on the bluffs | along the Connecticut River, the Squakheags speared salmon and otherwise occupied themselves until disturbed by the appearance of the white man.

The Indians were disposed of in one way or another - by agreements, force, or threat of force and the permanent white settlers took over, and started developing the community which is now North-

Descendants of these colonists worked and builded for over two centuries and their accomplishments command the respect of the present townspeople.

New people, "come to town", soon fall under the spell of Northfield's past history, and realize they owe much to their predecessors. They have the urge to carry on, along with the native townspeople, in the neers

Everyone in town is an "outsider" for Northfield once belonged to the May I extend my gratitude for Indians. Paradoxically, everybody living here should be equally considered as townspeople, whether folks from Poughkeepsie or Portu-

Pond: Peter Mackin, Mackin Sand Northfield has not yet set any per-Highway Engineer; Gladys and considered in the "year-around Stanley Bistrek, and many others. summer person" class. My ambition is to be mistaken for a native, and have a visitor to town ask me, "Have you lived here all your life?" To which I have the perfect answer: 'Not yet!"

Town natives should warmly welcome newcomers to their midst, At the present time there is a critical need for leadership material. For instance, there is the immediate problem of finding a town Boy Scout Committee Chairman, a PTA President, and a Scoutmaster, as well as other posts now and in the future. Where will these leaders be found? From the "outside", is one source. Don't scare them away, folks, nor let them have to fight their way into your hearts.

forward-looking citizens.

I hope there is significance in the fact that both these young men are war veterans, for it is up to them the veterans, that we must look for Ever stop to think what that leadership in the constructive forces of the community. They are the men who by their war-time experiences would be most aware of responsibility for the continuing welfare of the town; and their's is the leadership we have the right

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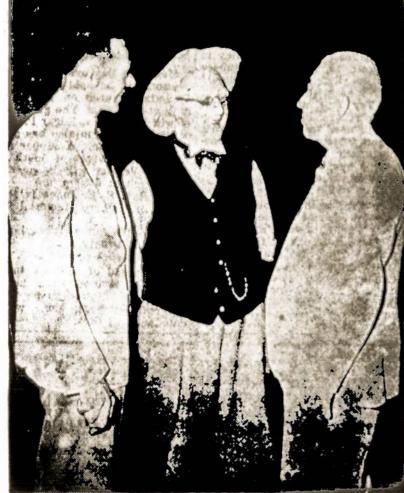
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week. Of special interest is a pam-

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Was in charge of the G.A.R. Post
of each community, while now the
American Legion is in charge, aided
hy the Anvillanian Por Carte and Corps. It contains the story of the
flags, the Grand Union Flag, and
also tells the correct way to display by the Auxiliaries, Boy Scouts, Girl the flag on different occasions, ap Scouts, the schools and fraternal proved flag customs, and the Mar

On Monday we will celebrate one | At Arlington the grave of the Uner in Chief of the Grand Army of the music and the reading of Linthe Grand Army should hold suit- Now, also, the graves of our Amer- 8:30 a. m. All other Sundays, 10:30 able exercises and decorate the ican soldiers in French cemeteries a. m.

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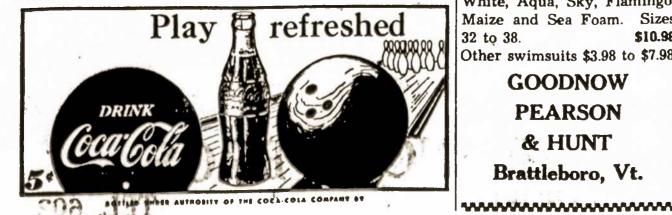
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um and Men's Bible Class 11:00 a. m., Public Worship, Memorial Sunday Sermon, "Three Great" Americans" Pre-school age children attended by Mrs. Ray Thomp-6:30 p. m., Concluding meeting

for the season of the Pilgrim Fellowship. Janet Dean will lead the devotional service. A review of the year closing and plans for next vear. Games. 7:30 p. m., May meeting of the

Standing committee, Each member is urged to be present. COMING EVENTS

Wednesday, June 8, Cradle Roll and Beginners party in the vestry, 3:00 p. m. Bunday, June 12,

Northfield High School Baccalaureate Service. 11:00 a.m. Sunday, June 19,

Children's Day program. 11:00 a. m., Parents desiring to have child-Mr. Reeves. Saturday, June 25, Church School picnic at Laurel

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CATHOLIC CHURCH Rev. Henry J. McCormick, Pastor Masses: First Sunday of Month,

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Wednesday, June 1, Midweek prayer meeting at the home of Mrs. Florence Janes.

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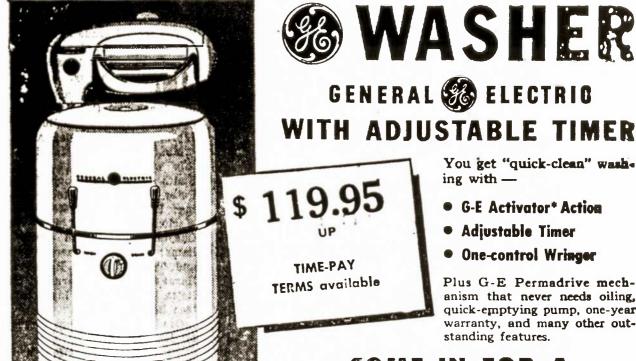
been called to Cleveland due to the illness of her father. In the article concerning the Ladies Sewing Society in the Press last week, the sum total of money

should have been \$111.68, and not \$11.68 as noted. The feeding of some form of su-

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field Seminary, now known as the Stearns who died in January, 1938 Northfield School for Girls, and is Her two children, Dwight and Lois, a graduate of the Fitchburg State reside with her in Northfield. Dwight is a mechanic and Lois is For three years Mrs. Stearns at present a student at Northamp-

> Mrs. Stearns is well known in Northfield through her work in the various town organizations. At present she is Worthy Matron of far advanced the season is this the Northfield Chapter, Order of year Eastern Star, an appointed Officer say, with lilacs in bloom this secof the Galilean Shrine, White Shrine of Jerusalem, and, in addition, holds the position of Treasurer in the Northfield Fish and Game Association.

CENTER SCHOOL NEWS

The first grade in Mrs. Bolton's room received their fifth gold seal last week in penmanship.

We are happy to have a little new boy in our room. Douglas Walsh has moved to the farms with his

The second grade in Mrs. Haack's room has received a complete set mass of rose trailers and persistent of new maple desks and everyone is extremely happy. Monitors are: Lunchroom, Mar-

tha Janes and Curis Shine: Clos-Library Tables, Patrick Archambo. Monitors in Mra Stebbins' room this week are: Paper, Jonathan to Keene do not notice these bright Smith and Edward Doolittle; desks, patches of color. Peter Scanlon and Rachel Brown-Marion Jewett; Lunch Room, in the nearby woods. The flowers Barnes and Leslie Barnard; Plants, or three shiny blue berries will Bette Mann; Health Inspector, Colleen Barber.

Grade 3 had perfect attendance all last week.

The girls in grade four had perfect attendance all last week. Richard Williams is at Franklin County Hospital for the removal

of tonsils and adenoids. In a monthly spelling test the following had perfect papers: Miner Carpenter, Marie Clark, Geraldine Durant, Delores Fisher, John Mankowsky, Betty McIntire, Douglas Pearsall, Janice Randall, David who specialized in Mullein stalks

Scott and Richard Williams. Grade VI had 100% in a recent test on the history of England and Marv Ellen Barnes, Norman Dean, Geraldine Durant, and Charles Janes had 90% or more.

Charlene Chamberlin, Irene Doo- Paul Jordan and Ronald Zabko have little, Geraldine Durant, Betty Mc- their second reading certificate.

One cannot help remarking how - a good two weeks. I should ond week in May, when we ordinarily count on them to help out for Memorial Day. The several warm spells and early rains have combined to give nature an early start. Oh, how we need it, with the world still to feed! Other nations should try their best to raise their own food stuffs. Sending seeds to Europe is a friendly gesture.

Never were the apple trees more

full of bloom. All the farmers are prayerfully hoping that there will be no killing frosts this month. Our rock garden, here on Birnam road, covers a natural ledge with rock steps leading to the bottom. It was originally planned and tended by the late Rev. William A. White but, in the course of years, was allowed to run out. The present owners, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew R. Gray, with infinite patience have reclaimed it from an overgrown bamboo shoots into an orderly beauty spot which people often stop to admire. Just now the phlox subulata (moss pink) is strikingly beautiful with its gay blankets of ets, Gloria Clough and Betty Ware; many colors spread over tiers of flat gray rock. Being in an exposed

I was surprised to find my seing; Library, Carol Merrifield and cret patch of Clintonia (named for Chester Kugler and Betty Wil- are rather inconspicuous, being liams; Closets, Kathern Dodenfoff greenish yellow, but the broad glosand Terry Aldrich; Books, David sy leaves are handsome. Later two form at the tip of the flower stalk.

place, I'm wondering if even the

airplane passengers flying overhead

The wood betony has apparently been blooming for a week or so. You should know this dainty flower with its fern-like leaves. It comes in two colors, lemon-yellow and a sort of chocolate pink. Referring to my Gray's manual, I find that it belongs to the Figwort family (Scrofulariaceae,, if you can proounce it) which includes the showy snapdragons and the dainty Veronicas, the wild painted-cup, as well as the more common "butter-and-eggs" turtle-head and mullein. However, the last-named should not be dispised, for I once met an artist on rocky mountainsides up in Ver-Donald Hiller and David Scott of mont and he got good prices for them too.

We are trying some of the wood

Intire, Janice Randall, David Scott,

betony in the rock garden, in both colors. I think it will do well as it spreads quite rapidly and can stand considerable sun, provided the roots are kept moist. I also brought home some plants of meadow rue. The leaves resemble those of the maiden-hair fern and are excellent for placing on the outside soil. Try cultivating some cowof bouquets. The feathery white slips, but these, like the forget-me blossoms mix in well with an assorted bouquet.

I would urge Girl Scouts, who must know their wild flowers, to start a wild flower garden of their own. They should prepare their soil in a partially shaded place with plenty of leaf-mold and rich brown humus gathered around rotted stumps; using tall ferns and meadow rue for a background and blue

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trilliums, hepaticas, lady slippers, Clintonia, and wood beony. Get some wild forgetme-nots from the brook and keep them pretty wet. Wild lupines grow in our valley in sandy soil, so, if one is fortunate. enough to find some, one should provide them with the same kind of nots, will need to be kept in moist clay soil. Mountain laurel, transplanted into one's own backyard,

when the bushes are small, will do

very well indeed. I had a friend who had an ideal condition for trailing arbutus along the shady edge of a wooded bank and far enough away from public gaze, for this is one of the plants, like the laurel, that are forbidden violets as a border. Start putting by the National Wild Lafe Association bloodfoot, jack-in-the-pulpits, tion to be picked. If one grows a tion to be picked. If one grows a patch of it in one's own yard and allows it to spread, that is all

Memorial Day exercises in South Vernon will be held in the Advent Christian Church on Monday evening at 7:80 p. m. The guest speaker will be the Rev. Edgar P. Walker of Worcester, who also has a home in South Vernon. A supper for all veterans and wives of South Vernon and Vernon will be served at the church at 6:30 p. m. The Rev. E. E. Jones is still ill

at the Brattleboro Memorial Hospi-

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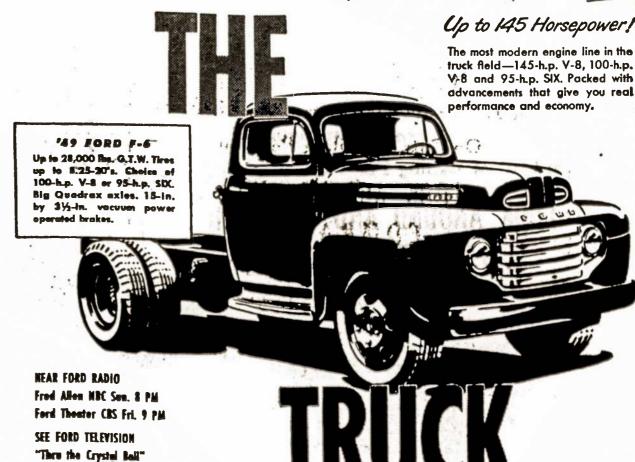
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